

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined ("\_\_\_\_") being added and the language that contains strikethrough ("—") being deleted:

1. (Withdrawn) A system for integrating communication modalities, the system comprising:

- (A) a standard telephone system;
- (B) a standard legacy voicemail system;
- (C) a digital voicemail store;

(D) a network access server (NAS) communicatively coupled to the telephone system, the NAS being configured to receive analog voice signals from the telephone system, the NAS further being configured to transmit analog voice signals to the telephone system, the NAS further being configured to digitize the analog voice signals, the NAS further being configured to transmit the digitized signals; and

(E) a digital messaging server (DMS) communicatively coupled to the NAS, the DMS further being communicatively coupled to the digital voicemail store, the DMS further being communicatively coupled to the legacy voicemail system, the DMS being configured to receive the digitized signals from the NAS, the DMS further being configured to transmit the digitized signals in the digital voicemail store, the DMS further being configured to convert the digitized signal into an analog message, the DMS further being configured to transmit the analog message to the legacy voicemail system.

2. (Withdrawn) A system for integrating communication modalities, the system comprising:

- (A) a standard telephone system;
- (B) a standard legacy voicemail system;
- (C) a digital voicemail store; and
- (D) a messaging server comprising:
  - (D1) means for receiving a voice signal from the standard telephone system;
  - (D2) means for conveying the analog signal to the standard legacy voicemail system;
  - (D3) means for converting the analog signal into a digital signal; and
  - (D4) means for transmitting the digital signal to the digital voicemail store.

3. (Currently Amended) A system for integrating standard communication modalities, the system comprising:

an Internet call waiting (ICW) system configured to communicate a message for a callee using a first standard communication protocol;

a second communication system configured to communicate using a second standard communication protocol; and

a messaging server communicatively coupled to the Internet call waiting (ICW) system, the messaging server further being communicatively coupled to the second communication system, the messaging server being configured to receive a first communication from the Internet call waiting (ICW) system using the first standard communication protocol, the messaging server being further configured to send a query to determine whether the callee is a subscriber of the second communication system, the messaging server further configured to convert the first communication into a second communication, the second communication being compatible with the second standard communication protocol, the messaging server being further configured to transmit the second communication to the second communication system using the second standard communication ~~protocol~~ protocol.

wherein the Internet call waiting (ICW) system includes an email system, and an instant messaging (IM) system.

4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the conversion of the first communication into the second communication occurs substantially synchronously with the receiving of the first communication.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the transmission of the second communication occurs substantially synchronously with the converting of the first communication into the second communication.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~claim 6~~, claim 3, wherein the second communication system is a legacy voicemail system.
8. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~claim 6~~, claim 3, wherein the second communication system is an email system.
9. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~claim 6~~, claim 3, wherein the second communication system is an instant messaging (IM) system.
10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 3, wherein the Internet call waiting (ICW) system includes a legacy voicemail system.
11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the second communication system is an email system.
12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the second communication system is an instant messaging (IM) system.

13. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the second communication system is an Internet call waiting (ICW) system.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~claim 14~~, claim 3, wherein the second communication system is a legacy voicemail system.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~claim 16~~, claim 3, wherein the second communication system is a legacy voicemail system.

18. (Original) The system of claim 3, further comprising a third communication system configured to communicate using a third standard communication protocol, wherein the messaging server is further communicatively coupled to the third communication system, the messaging server being further configured to convert the first communication into a third communication, the third communication being compatible with the third standard communication protocol, the messaging server being further configured to transmit the third communication to the third communication system using the third standard communication protocol.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the transmission of the second communication is substantially synchronous with the transmission of the third communication.

20. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the conversion of the first communication into the third communication occurs substantially synchronously with the receiving of the first communication.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the transmission of the third communication occurs substantially synchronously with the converting of the first communication into the third communication.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18:

wherein the Internet call waiting (ICW) system is different from the second communication system;

wherein the second communication system is different from the third communication system;

wherein the third communication system is different from the Internet call waiting (ICW) system; and

wherein the second communication system and the third communication system are each selected from the group consisting of:

- a public switched telephone network (PSTN) telephone system;
- a cellular telephone system;
- an email system;
- an instant messaging (IM) system;
- an Internet call waiting (ICW) system; and
- an legacy voicemail system

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18,  
the second communication system being different from Internet call waiting (ICW)  
system, the second communication system being selected from the group consisting of:  
a public switched telephone network (PSTN) telephone system;  
a cellular telephone system;  
an email system;  
an instant messaging (IM) system;  
an Internet call waiting (ICW) system; and  
an legacy voicemail system; and  
the third communication system being different from the second communication system,  
the third communication system further being different from the second communication system,  
the third communication system being selected from the group consisting of:  
a public switched telephone network (PSTN) telephone system;  
a cellular telephone system;  
an email system;  
an instant messaging (IM) system;  
an Internet call waiting (ICW) system; and  
an legacy voicemail system.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for integrating standard communication modalities, the method comprising:

receiving a first communication for a callee from a Internet call waiting (ICW) system, the first communication being compatible with a first standard communication protocol;

sending a query to determine whether the callee is a subscriber of a messaging system associated with a second standard communication protocol;

in response to a determination that the callee is a subscriber of the messaging system associated with the second standard communications protocol, converting the first communication into a second communication at a messaging server, the second ~~communication~~ communication ~~being compatible with a second standard communication protocol;~~ and

transmitting the second communication to a second communication system using the second standard communication protocol.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein receiving the first communication and converting the first communication into the second communication occur substantially synchronously.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein converting the first communication into the second communication and transmitting the second communication occur substantially synchronously.



27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising:  
converting the first communication into a third communication, the third communication being compatible with a third standard communication protocol; and  
transmitting the third communication to a third communication system using the third standard communication protocol.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein transmitting the second communication and transmitting the third communication occur substantially synchronously.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein receiving the first communication and converting the first communication into the third communication occur substantially synchronously.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein converting the first communication into the third communication and transmitting the third communication occur substantially synchronously.